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LETTER DATED 14 APRIL 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation have continued over the period 1 to 10 April 1994.

1 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 3 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Irbil, Dohuk and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Qurnah, Amarah and Jalibah.

2 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil and Sinjar.

(b) Southern region: 17 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

At 1145 hours on 2 April 1994, a hostile two-aircraft formation broke the sound barrier over the Artawi area.

3 April 1994

Southern region: 56 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Artawi, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih and Salman.

At 1632 hours on 3 April 1994, a hostile formation of F-15 aircraft broke the sound barrier over the city of Nasiriyah.

4 April 1994

Southern region: 52 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Samawah, Khidr, Ushbayjah, Salman, Busayyah and Artawi.

5 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 35 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Artawi, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih and Amarah.

6 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 29 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Ushbayjah, Lasaf, Salman and Chabaish.

At 1840 hours on 6 April 1994, a hostile two-aircraft formation broke the sound barrier over the city of Nasiriyah.

7 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 2 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho and Dohuk.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Salman, Busayyah and Jalibah.

8 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

9 April 1994

Southern region: 39 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih and Artawi.

At 1224 hours on 9 April 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over Hawr al-Hammar, Samawah, Amarah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah and the area to the south of Diwaniyah. It left at 1545 hours in the direction of Saudi airspace.

10 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Shatrah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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